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 TOPIC Rail Movements to the Templin-Zehdenick Training Area

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1. During the period from 20 to 23 April 1952, additional troops arrived at the Templin-Zehdenick (H 54/U 51) training area by rail and road. The following observations were made:

From 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on 20 April. A troop train from Oranienburg (K 53/Z 77) which was unloaded at the Vogelsang railroad station, carried 8 trucks, each with a half pontoon, 19 trucks with engineer equipment, 1 motorboat on a special vehicle and about 600 troops wearing black-bordered black epaulets who proceeded to Camp Vogelsang.

At 10 p.m. on 20 April. A column of 10 trucks each towing a 57-mm AT gun, and 4 motorcycles was seen driving toward Camp Vogelsang, coming from the Templin railroad station.

At 10 a.m. on 21 April. A column of 18 trucks, each occupied by five troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, passed through Zehdenick toward Oranienburg, coming from the direction of Camp Vogelsang.

At 6 p.m. on 22 April. The same column of trucks, carrying prefabricated wooden barracks sections, returned from the direction of Oranienburg.

At 4 p.m. on 21 April. Twenty 100-mm AT guns, towed by half track trucks were unloaded at the Vogelsang railroad station and entered Camp Vogelsang.

Between 9 a.m. and noon on 22 April. A column of 39 trucks all loaded with billeting equipment passed through Zehdenick, coming from the direction of Oranienburg and proceeding toward Camp Vogelsang.

At 2 p.m. on 22 April. A column of 16 trucks carrying telegraph poles, cables and other signal equipment proceeded from the Templin railroad station toward the camp.

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At 9 p.m. on 22 April. A column of eight trucks [redacted] each towing a 120-mm mortar drove from the Templin railroad station toward Camp Vogelsang.

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At 9:30 p.m. on 22 April. A column of 12 trucks, including 6 towing a 57-mm AT gun, and carrying a total of between 100 and 120 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets came from the direction of Cross Doelln and proceeded toward Camp Vogelsang.

At 8 a.m. on 23 April. A column of six covered trucks, [redacted] all flying white pennants on their radiators, entered Camp Vogelsang, coming from the direction of Zehdenick.

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At 11 a.m. on 23 April. A column of four trucks, [redacted] loaded with billeting equipment entered Camp Vogelsang, coming from the direction of Cross Doelln.

At 3 p.m. on 23 April. A column of eight trucks [redacted] carrying planks, entered Camp Beutel, coming from the direction of Templin.

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At 10 p.m. on 23 April. Twelve trucks, [redacted] carrying ammunition boxes, and 1 amphibious car entered Camp Harnelspring, coming from the direction of Vogelsang.

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At 11 p.m. on 23 April. Four trucks, [redacted] each occupied by about 20 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, armed with carbines or submachine guns, 2 trucks, each occupied by about 16 troops and sedan [redacted] entered Camp Vogelsang, coming from the direction of Zehdenick.

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On 23 April, [redacted] at least 200 tanks passed through Broderiche, proceeding toward Camp Vogelsang and coming from the direction of Fuerstenberg (N 5h/U 62) (D-6) (2)

2. At 1 p.m. on 17 April, a train, carrying 13 light armored scout cars, [redacted] and a car [redacted] half track armored personnel carriers [redacted] 10 trucks, [redacted] and about 90 sidecar motorcycles, 15 boxcarloads of personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets, 12 boxcarloads with ammunition and 12 boxcarloads with billeting equipment and spare parts arrived at the Zehdenick railroad station, coming from the direction of Granienburg. A soldier belonging to this troop train said that the troops came from Sachsenhausen. After being unloaded, trucks [redacted]

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shuttled ammunition and equipment toward the camp. (3) Another troop train, coming from the south, arrived at 10:30 p.m. on the same day and was unloaded by the morning of 18 April. Three 100-mm AT guns, 3 half track armored personnel carriers and from 30 boxcars marked with small red pennants an undetermined number of ammunition boxes and equipment were unloaded. The boxes and equipment were hauled to the camp on trucks [redacted]

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the unit came from Doeberitz. [redacted] On 19 April, 21 x 100-mm AT guns, 20 caterpillar tractors, half track armored personnel carriers [redacted] and 12 boxcarloads of ammunition were unloaded at the railroad station. The materiel was hauled to the camp in trucks with

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4. At 8 a.m. on 21 April, T-34/85 tanks [] and about 45 new trucks [] were unloaded at the Templin railroad station. The new trucks were taken over by drivers who arrived on trucks [] from Camp Hammelspring. After being unloaded, the tanks and trucks entered Camp Hammelspring via Burgwall. On 22 April, 25 new trucks for which drivers came on truck [] from Camp Hammelspring were unloaded at the Templin railroad station. (3)

5. A training schedule for the personnel of the command section [] Zh for the period from 11 to 18 February 1952 which was approved by Gds Captain Panev (fnu), chief-of-staff of the unit was found at the main gate of Camp Hammelspring on 17 April. (4)

6. Columns seen proceeding toward the camp on the Templin-Hammelspring road during the period from 15 to 19 April included:

15 April. A column of 18 T-34 tanks with Nos 10 through 14, 17 through 22, 24 through 29, and 200, 3 JS tanks [] a tank hull with T-34 chassis, a sedan and 6 trucks []

At 7:45 a.m. on 16 April. A column of 20 T-34 tanks [] without escorting vehicles.

At 3:30 p.m. on 16 April. Sixteen JS tanks, including a tank hull, [] and 2 new tanks []

At about 7 p.m. on 16 April. A total of 12 T-34 tanks, [] stood ready for unloading at the Templin railroad station.

At 6:25 a.m. on 16 April. A truck column, []

On 17 April. A column of 15 T-34 tanks, []

On 19 April. A column with 18 T-34 tanks []

Comments.

- (1) The train at 4 p.m. on 21 April reported in paragraph 1, and the train at 10:30 p.m. on 17 April and the train on 19 April reported in paragraphs 2 and 3, which were unloaded most probably carried units of the 11th (?) Gds AT Arty Brig which, [] departed from Doeberitz

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and arrived at the Templin troop training grounds. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] may have mistaken some of the caliber measurements since the number of 4.2 x 100-mm AT guns seen unloaded does not tally with the equipment of an AT brigade which, for example, in the case of the brigade of the Second Gds Wehr Army, is a heavy AT regiment with 24 guns. [REDACTED] identified in Eberswalde in 1949 and 1950 and, in early 1951, in Kranznitz as headquarters unit of the Fourth Gds Wehr Army. Regarding the time and place, these data approximately correspond to the assumed change of location of units of the 11th (?) Gds AT Arty Brig. Therefore, it is highly likely that the [REDACTED] belongs to a unit of the brigade.

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- (2) This information is submitted with reserve as in the area of Fuerstenberg, no tank units of the 25th Tank Div and of the 6th Gds Wehr Div have reportedly been unloaded and this data is improbable.
- (3) The two units seen on 20 April and the second and third units on 22 April reported in paragraph 1, the first shipment in paragraph 2, and the first shipment in paragraph 4, which arrived during the period from 17 to 22 April and the columns of troops and supply vehicles belong to the 25th Tank Div and to the 6th Gds Wehr Div. The 194th Engr Bn and the 53d Mtrcl Bn were identified as belonging to the former division and the 33d Gds Sig Bn as belonging to the 6th Gds Wehr Div. This information indicates that, as until 18 April 1952, troops continued to arrive at the Templin troop training grounds. The emphasis, however, was on supply traffic.

[REDACTED] Camp Neutel is reported for the first time. The column of the 25th Tank Div probably entered Camp Vogel-sang where this division is located.

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(4) [REDACTED]

- (5) The tanks mentioned in paragraph 5 of the present report are 63 T-34 tanks and 21 JS tanks which most probably were unloaded in Templin during the period from 15 to 19 April and presumably belonged to the 25th Tank Div or the 6th Gds Wehr Div.

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